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SUBJ: NEW STUDENT PROTESTS

1. SUMMARY. BRIEF STUDENT/POLICE CONFRONTATION OCCURRED
ATHENS UNIVERSITY JAN 21, WHILE TWO STUDENT PROTEST
STATEMENTS HAVE QUIETLY SURFACED. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS UNIVERSITY STUDENT INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MINOR
DUST-UP BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE OCCURRED AT CHEMISTRY
FACULTY ABOUT NOON JAN 21. CONFRONTATION WHICH LOCAL
CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBED AS OVER BEFORE IT BEGAN MAY HAVE BEEN
RESULT OF APPEAL BY UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT GROUP CALLING FOR
STRIKE TO PRESS FOR SPECIFIC DEMANDS. APPEAL WAS TELEPHONED
TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS EARLIER IN DAY BY MEMBERS OF
"STRIKE COMMITTEE" WHO DEMANDED RELEASE OF DETAINED STUDENTS
AND ACADEMIC PERSONS, RESTORATION OF POLITICAL FREEDOMS AND
TERMINATION OF "SALE OF GREECE TO AMERICANS".
ACCORDING TO DEUTSCHE WELLE BROADCAST JAN 21,
STUDENT GROUP URGED ACTIVE STRUGGLE AND THREATENED
VIOLENCE WORSE THAN POLYTECHNION RIOTS (NOV 17, 1973)
IF THEIR DEMANDS WENT UNHEEDED. STUDENT "STRIKE
COMMITTEE" REFERRED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY LOST
MILITARY DEFERMENT AND WERE INDUCTED GREEK ARMY IN
JAN.

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3. SECOND STUDENT MANIFESTO CARRIED ON BBC BROADCAST
JAN 22 IDENTIFIED GROUP AS "NATIONAL UNION AGAINST
DICTATORSHIP" (EED). THIS GROUP WHICH MAY BE SAME
AS THAT WHICH SPONSORED JAN 21 APPEAL CALLED FOR
WORLDWIDE EFFORT OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH TO BRING DOWN
GREEK REGIME. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON
SUCH STUDENT ACTIVITIES HAVE MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS,
SINCE MANY STUDENTS INCLUDING MOST OF THOSE WITH WHOM
WE MAINTAIN CONTACT ARE INTIMIDATED BY PRESENT
CONDITIONS AND WARY OF "NEW" STUDENT OPPOSITION
GROUPS.
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